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"WEATHER PERMITTING."

There is nothing on earth, save the weather, to interfere with what must be the very finest of all the Regattas ever pulled off at this port and city. There is a magnificent program of entertainment afoot beginning this afternoon with the initial grand concert of the Scandinavian Sangerfest, at the Astoria Opera House, and from that hour until the wee hours of Thursday next, there are scores of genuine, pleasing, notable events, in which the many thousands gathered here may indulge to their hearts' content.

"Weather permitting" the finest record ever made by Astoria will be entertained in her behalf, and for the present moment, the weather is simply ideal; no heat, no chill, no winds, no haze, only the warm and brilliant sunshine of one of Clatsop's perfect days. With a continuance of this, the man or woman who fails to really enjoy themselves in the next three or four days, will be beyond entertaining. To the citizen, the tourist, to every soul within the city's gates the Astorian wishes a flawless holiday, crammed to its uttermost hour with amusement and interest, and then some!

DON'T BLUNDER AGAIN, PLEASE.

Our esteemed evening contemporary, evidently without giving the subject due consideration, made the declaration, in a recent issue, that it was not possible for the great Pacific fleet of warships about to be sent out here from the East, to enter the mouth of the Columbia. This is not so. The last one of the 16 vessels, none of which register over 24 feet draught, may come in over the bar here, and what is more, by careful piloting, may go to the metropolis.

We are rather jealous of our position and condition here, as to bar, harbor and channels, and we don't want any mistakes made about them. Twenty-four-foot tonnage is passing in and out of this harbor almost daily, and it don't make any difference what flag or cargo they carry, nor what interest they serve; they can get in here with perfect safety, and what is more, they will find all the channel-room and stiff anchorage ground they need, once they are inside.

We hope to see everyone of the Pacific cruisers off these docks as soon as it suits the convenience of "Fighting Bob" Evans, the admiral commanding the fleet, to bring them here; and we'll show him the ideal harbor of the northern coast, and do our best to make him glad he came in.

LABOR SITS IN JUDGMENT!

It were well for the student of modern conditions, especially in America, to make up his mind, once for all, that labor, skilled, and unskilled; organized, and unorganized, is fitting itself, day by day, to sit in judgment upon the standards, the methods, and means, now in use for its employment and control; that capital is not to sway things with the same unquestioned, unhindered, and unfriendly code it has imposed for the past several generations; that the schooling, wrought by the very courses pursued by capital, has opened the eyes of the mechanic and the workman to possibilities once deemed quite beyond the reach of the poor man; that time and growth and invention have so changed the face of things as to plainly mark out new avenues for the conservation of rights peculiar to the man whose only resource is his ability to work for day-wage; that politics, the law, and the expansion of a broader and healthier sentiment of justice, all over the country, are contributing, under the superb courage and finer ideals of a single great leader and the foremost officer of the nation, to the establishment of a new

and wholesomely creed of human justice. This is all that was ever needed to allay the strained conditions between capital and labor, simple justice; as long as it was denied war was inevitable; the instant it is conceded, the stress of conflict abates and, in time, vanishes.

Among the wonder of this age, it must not be wondered at that the workman, trained, and untrained, has progressed along with all other elements of human society, has taken on an uplift commensurate with the scale of improvement in every other line. Educated labor is the successor to its uneducated prototype, and this tremendous advance is at the bottom, and the core, of the new alignment and the new campaign. It is the cardinal force that made capital so long invincible; and it is the salvation of the later craftsman; with this weapon the battle is equalized and made less a battle; the terms of every new convention as between these immense elements, will be concluded with that dignity, rightful consideration and just estimate, that always make for success in righteous engagements.

We have always insisted that education was the prime and fundamental requisite for the masses of the people; that it was the most potent unifier of men; and the free schools of America are beginning to show the efficacy of this deduction; the swarming millions of American industrial life are proving the wonderful value of education, and the day is not far distant when this same schooling will make us all peers, and the old and bitter discriminations will fall to ground, useless and unuseable, for all of which the nation may be devoutly grateful.

Educated labor has reached that stage which confirms it in the "seat of judgment," and its higher progress will qualify and magnify the judgment it will not have to "fight" for its own; and this is the weapon that is to direct the newer campaigns. So be it!

General Robert E. Lee.

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The Constitution Is No Longer What It Should Be.

By Chancellor DAY of Syracuse University.

OUR condition today is the result of an attempt upon the part of our MILLENNIUM MAKERS to set aside the principle of Christ that the wheat and the tares shall grow together and to force by legislation an order of things unnatural, unreasonable AND IMPOSSIBLE. The great hosts of the people are in one common confusion.

Elements which hitherto have been considered dangerous assert proud claim to being the creators of this amazing disorder of things, which they declare is the HIGH NOON OF SOCIALISM and the brightest hope ever known of emancipation from the tyranny of government and capital. The distinction between the executive, judicial and legislative order is disappearing in a form of oligarchy named COMMISSIONS, with an autocracy at its head as tyrannical and supreme as the world ever has known, entrenched a hundredfold by flying the banner of democracy and CLAIMING to be devoted to the salvation of the people from the conditions of their own prosperity.

THE CONSTITUTION IS A MERE ELASTIC BAND TO HOLD THE STATES IN COMPACT AT THE ADJUSTING WILL OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

Schoolboys Should Learn How to Shoot.

By President ROOSEVELT.

PRACTICE in rifle shooting is of value in developing not only muscles, but nerves, steadiness and judgment under excitement. It is therefore of value to EVERY MAN throughout his life.

The Public Schools Athletic league has done fine work for the city and for the country in introducing and promoting athletics and a love for many sports in the public schools of New York. I am especially glad of what it has done in establishing instruction in rifle shooting.

THE UNITED STATES HAS A VERY SMALL STANDING ARMY. IN TIME OF WAR IT MUST DEPEND FOR DEFENSE UPON HASTY LEVIES OF VOLUNTEERS, AND IT IS OF PRIME NECESSITY THAT THE VOLUNTEER SHOULD ALREADY KNOW HOW TO SHOOT IF HE IS TO BE OF VALUE AS A SOLDIER.

In no modern war would it be possible effectively to train men to shoot during the brief period of preparation before the army takes the field. In consequence THE TRAINING MUST COME IN ADVANCE, and the graduates from our schools and colleges should be thus trained so as to be good shots with the military rifle. When so trained they constitute a great addition to our national strength and great assurance for the peace of the country.

Hard Drilling.

A bit of the kind of American humor that has thrived since the days of Benjamin Franklin comes from a Montana mining camp.

Said one miner, "The rock down in that shaft is so hard that they used six barrels of drills the other day and barely scratched it."

"Light!" said another. "I saw 'em working on a ledge once where the rock was so hard that after they had used nine barrels of drills on it the hole stuck out six inches."—Judge's Library.

A Stirring Story.



"There she was in the highest window of the burning building shouting for help!"

"And you actually saved her—how did you manage it?"

"Well, we just stood and stared and she came down on the stairs."—Pick-Me-Up.

A Tip.

A New Englander recently had occasion to engage a gardener. One morning two applicants appeared, one a decidedly decent looking man and the other of much less prepossessing appearance and manner.

After very little hesitation the man of the house chose the latter applicant. A friend who was present evinced surprise at the selection, asking:

"Has that man ever worked for you before?"

"No," replied the other; "in fact, I never saw either of them until today."

"Then why did you choose the shorter man? The other had a much better face."

"Face!" exclaimed the proprietor of the place in disgust. "Let me tell you that when you pick out a gardener you want to go by his overalls. If they're patched on the knees, you want him. If the patch is on the seat of his trousers, you don't."

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